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Remarks

Claims 2, 5, 8-9, 18-19, 24-25, and 34-43 have been cancelled without prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction into this or a related application. Claims 1, 4, 6-7, and 32 have been amended. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 10-17, 20-23, 26-33, and 44-45 are pending.

Claim 1 and the claims depending from claim 1 have been amended so that the substituents "A" and "B" have been limited to phenyl groups and "Het-CH₂-R³" has been amended to exclude the following structures,

change their dependency. Claim 32 has been amended to recite compound numbers.

Response to Election/Restriction

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-33, 44 and 45 drawn to products of formula I. This election is made without traverse.

On page 2 of the Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, the Examiner states that upon election of Group I, further election of a single compound is required. In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants elect compound 101 shown on page 28 of the as-filed

application:

26-27, 30, 32-33, and 44-45 read on the elected species. However, Applicants respectfully request that the examination proceed on the entire scope of the invention as now claimed. Applicants, throughout the claim set, have limited the "A" substituent to phenyl, the "B"

substituent to phenyl, and "Het" to . Accordingly, Applicants believe that a search and

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examination of the remaining subject matter would not constitute an undue burden on the Office.

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted

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